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EDITORIALS

"Who's looney now?"

The people will rule.

An honest rascal will "stay bought."

Politics are warming up, and the weather is cooling down.

The real leader serves the people. The boss makes the people serve him.

We are not identified with any faction, clique or clan. We are for all the people.

THE NATIONAL FORUM is the leading Negro newspaper published at the National Capital.

The overthrow of the monarchy in Portugal is another exemplification of the statement that this is a bad year for bosses.

West Virginia is down there behind the mountains, staunch and secure in the Republican column, peeping over at the other States and enjoying the scrap.

From all reports, there are more things to disturb people in New Jersey than mosquitoes. At least some of the fellows who have held office a long time are saying that.

A colored man of ample experience, substantial reputation and maturity of judgment will be chosen as probation officer for the District. Such a man is William Jenifer.

That "mass-meeting," called to denounce this "infamous school system," was a "frost." There was a monster outpouring of a total of 10 indignant persons. The people cannot be fooled.

The Democrats are laughing up their sleeves, and, for all we know, it may be a good laugh on the whole. The situation is not yet where the Republicans can lie on their oars and drift with the tide. There is a possibility that the next House might go Democratic. It means work, and plenty of it.

Those who claim to be dissatisfied with the administration of Assistant Superintendent Roscoe Conkling Bruce in the Washington public schools are offering nothing better in his stead. Can any man satisfy the conflicting wants and ambitions of 600 teachers and a variegated populace of 100,000? Mr. Bruce should be supported, advised with and sympathetically assisted by the patrons of the school system, rather than fought on trivial grounds.

Every Negro boy and girl out of school should be sought out, and if he comes within the limit of the law should be forced to attend. He may not like it. His parents may not exert any influence to have him go, but for the good of the child and for the good of future generations in the Negro race, it is the thing to be done. It is a duty the State owes, and one that should be discharged. With this done, we can easily find employment for the number of teachers we have now who have qualified and are idle.

This is the day of the "salve spreader" in all the Congressional districts. His is a mighty important position. His has become to

be a high art, and he who assumes that responsibility must be an adept. He must be able to show the other fellow that it was better that he did not get the nomination. He must show him that he has the chance of his lifetime the next convention. He must make the fellow who lost know that the party cannot, positively cannot, do without him, and he must do it without letting the other fellow suspect that he is trying. Hard job this, don't you think?

THE HOWARD THEATER SPELLS "OPPORTUNITY"

It is not transgressing the realm of the advertising page to say right here that our people should give the New Howard Theater their heartiest support. It is one of the prettiest and most complete playhouses in the country, and represents an investment of \$100,000 in cold cash. It will furnish an open door to the most capable performers of our race, and afford the Negroes of this prejudice-ridden community a place of amusement where they are free to sit wherever they choose and be treated like ladies and gentlemen. The broadminded men who have invested their money so liberally in this enterprise in response to what seemed to be the unanimous demand for a theater for the people should not be permitted to suffer disappointment at our hands from lack of patronage. If the Howard venture fails, it will be many moons before any of us will have the effrontery to go to another white man and ask him to take an interest in our complaint against the narrow and bigoted custom of segregating the Negro in all of the theaters and public resorts of this city.

This splendid playhouse spells opportunity in more ways than one to the Negro race. To support it is a duty that we owe to those who have placed it within our grasp.

"Hoss Racing"

Horse racing has been called "the sport of kings." It may have been all of that in a buried long ago, but now the whole thing is a frame-up to trim those misguided duffers who think they are sports, or that they can get something for nothing, or that they can beat a game which they know other men are going broke on. It has finally developed into a gigantic scheme of refined swindling from the owner down to the pleasant, well-dressed gentlemen of unctuous manners, who tells you with affable offhandness that he has "something good coming through tomorrow." He is but one of the many devices and tools of a bunch of sure-thing gamblers that are sure to break up horse racing in this country. If it was once "the sport of kings" it has fallen down, and is now the sport of suckers.

A Quintal of Wheat

We are used to the thought that the United States was the greatest wheat-grower, but, according to the Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics I have just received from Rome, Russia leads with 249,739,200 quintals; United States is next with 182,408,145 quintals. The next great growers are Argentina, Canada, Hungary. Bulgaria produced the highest number of quintals to space, 105.5, with Switzerland, the smallest wheat-grower in the world next, with 100. A "quintal," gentle reader, is 220.46 pounds. Are you happy now?

Notice—Millinery

Syphox & Downey will open a first-class millinery establishment at 1458 P street N. W. The general public is cordially invited to inspect the artistic and stylish display of fall and winter hats at their opening, October 21 and 22 (Friday and Saturday). Open until 10 in the evening. The latest and up-to-date styles. Prices right. Bring us your last year's hats. We will make them over.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. James entertained General Forrest and a party of friends at their handsome new home. Mrs. James excels as a hostess, and an invitation to dine at their home is a guarantee of a hospitable and pleasant evening.

ISRAEL METROPOLITAN C. M. E. CHURCH

Corner First and B Streets, S. W.,
Rev. R. Kent Harris, Pastor, 41 D Street, S. E.; Miss A. Woods, Church Edithess, 1106 O Street, N. W.

Rev. R. Kent Harris spoke last Sunday upon a subject taken from that portion of the Scripture which tells of the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem, with a beauty of phrasing and a boldness of purpose which aroused and arrested immediate attention. In his comparison of the necessity of the rebuilding of these walls of Jerusalem to the work of renovation of the church, an earthly Jerusalem, he said that God was jealous of the work, and he made an eloquent appeal to us to cultivate and emancipate our souls and bring our lives in harmony with the life of Jesus. It was a grand appeal, and it must have stirred the most callous and indifferent in the audience. After the sermon there was offered a humble and fervent prayer for pardon as well as for guidance to that strong, sweet force of divine love than which there is nothing sweeter or stronger, and to which no human soul ever truly appealed in vain. Rev. Severson assisted the pastor in administering the communion.

The Epworth League followers were grateful to listen to a flow of bright and persuasive oratory from Dr. McDuffy, who was the speaker of the evening. One is always glad to hear Dr. McDuffy, for it seems natural for him to plead a cause with the picturesqueness of a poet and the power of a philosopher. Mr. McGowan, who opened the discussion, is always full of spirit and activity in Christian work, and his remarks are both interesting and impressive.

We are proud to announce that Bishop R. L. Williams will be with us on the fourth Sunday of October, which announcement is sufficient to insure a crowded house. The mere mention of the name is enough, for every member and friend of the C. M. E. Church are interested in the character and personality of this man.

A grand Rally will be begun on the same day at Israel C. M. E. Church.

Notice of events attending the meeting of the Building Association, which occurred Wednesday night, October 12, will be given in next issue.

Booker T. Washington Banqueted in New York

Dr. Booker T. Washington was banqueted in magnificent style in New York last night at the Park Place Trades Club, 14 Park Place, signaling his return from a tour of Europe, where he had been entertained by royalty and by the most distinguished persons on the Continent. The function was conceived and attended by eminent colored men from all parts of the country, and was truly of nation-wide significance. The committee in charge of the banquet embraced the following: Charles W. Anderson, chairman; Fred R. Moore, Wilford H. Smith, Philip A. Payton, J. C. Thomas, W. H. Smith and P. B. S. Pinchback, all of New York; Robert H. Terrell and Ralph W. Tyler, Washington, D. C.; Dr. S. E. Courtney and William H. Lewis, Boston, Mass.; Dr. S. G. Elbert, Wilmington, Del., and J. C. Asbury, Philadelphia.

News Items

Alexander Henson, Jr., of Philadelphia, Pa., has assumed the management of the North West Undertakers' Co., formerly known as Wm. Grayson Company. Mr. Henson comes highly recommended, having served for 25 years in this capacity in one of the leading firms of Philadelphia. He adopts the latest methods, is up to date in point of service. Mr. Henson is a member of all the leading societies, and comes highly recommended.

PULPITS AND PEWS

METROPOLITAN A. M. E. CHURCH

Pastor, Rev. N. Ross, 1444 Q Street, N. W.; Editor, E. G. Evans, 1015 Q Street, N. W. Sunday School at 9.30 A. M.

Our entire Sunday-school was in smiles Sunday, in keeping with that most beautiful day after the dreary weather on Saturday. All teachers of our Primary Department were present. Professor Williams of the M Street High School returned to his class of young men, and was heartily received by them. The class has set out to increase its number to 60 these next few weeks, and if they maintain last winter's ratio of increase the number will soon be obtained.

Mr. G. C. Thompson was sincerely thanked by Professor Williams for the successful manner in which he has carried on the class work during the summer. There will be a special reception given by the class to its professor and Mr. Thompson in the near future.

In the absence of the pastor, Dr. B. F. Watson occupied the pulpit Sunday, and preached a powerful sermon in the morning to an appreciative audience. Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Solomon of Madison, O., were introduced at the morning service; they are visiting friends in the city. Rev. Dixon of Shiloh Baptist Church preached a splendid sermon at night.

Mrs. Lena Buchner read a paper before the A. C. E. League Sunday evening, and Mrs. M. Jones sang a sweet solo. The paper was discussed by Messrs. H. Thomas, Shade, Wilson and Tucker; by Miss Smith and Mrs. I. N. Ross.

The A. M. E. Preachers' Union of the Potomac District held its regular meeting in the church Monday last. Dr. B. F. Watson presided in the absence of its president, Rev. Dr. Ross. The meeting was very interesting and profitable. Presiding Elder Steptean was present, and lent his assistance toward making the meeting a success; their present sick brothers are Rev. S. M. Johnson and P. E. J. B. Warner, both of whom had been visited by committees. Lawyer Jas. H. Hays read an able paper before the meeting concerning a new business project about to be put on foot in this city. The paper is to be taken up at the next meeting of the Union. Rev. U. G. Leaper will read a paper at the next meeting also.

Tuesday night the Bethel Literary Association enjoyed an able address by Rev. Brown of Ebenezer M. E. Church, and some sweet music rendered by his choir. "The Necessity for Mechanical and Commercial Training" was the speaker's subject. He argued that the hand as well as the head should be taught to earn bread for the maintenance of the body; that both male and female should be taught trades of some kind. The appreciative audience gave him marked attention. The paper was discussed by Profs. W. H. Richards and L. G. Gregory, Mr. Rix and McFelder. All were favorably impressed with the paper.

Don't fail to attend the Literary next Tuesday evening.

Miss C. Waddleton has returned to her school at Annapolis, Md., where she has worked two years. The people there feel that she gives them a square and honest day's labor, and they show their appreciation by employing her yearly to teach private school after the close of the regular sessions.

The Masons of the District will have their anniversary sermon preached Sunday night at the church by Rev. Ross.

Professor Pollon appears at the church Monday evening next with a high-class musical entertainment, which has elicited commendable criticism from many musical authorities. He will be assisted by several of the best local talents.

There will be given an "Old Folks' Concert" at the church the

PLYMOUTH NOTES

Dr. A. C. Garner, Pastor, 493 T Street, N. W.; Miss Gussie Harrod, Edithess, 1145 Fifteenth Street.

On last Sunday morning Rev. Wiseman took charge of the service, in the absence of our pastor, Dr. Garner. All who were present enjoyed an inspiring sermon delivered by Rev. Wiseman on the subject, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." The communion service was so beautifully conducted that everyone seemed to leave with a very solemn impression.

Dr. Grunker of the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church delivered an excellent sermon at the evening service.

The prayer meeting next Thursday night will be conducted by Deacon Ferrin.

Professor Clark of Howard University will preach for us on next Sunday morning, and it is the desire of the pastor and officers that all who possibly can will attend the services regularly, especially during the pastor's absence.

The fair committee is at work, and promises, with the co-operation of the entire membership, to make this the most successful fair in the history of our church. Mrs. Belle Nelson of 2206 14th street N. W. is the chairman of the fair committee, and the members of the general committee are Misses Martha Lee, Jessie Mason, Delores Page, Nellie Morton, Mrs. Phyllis Scott, Martha Gwin, Kate Saunders, Venie Mason, Mr. Charles W. Mason, Mr. James N. Cox and Mr. Harry Thomas.

Mrs. Nelson is a very faithful, competent worker, and has a committee of our most successful church workers. The entire membership is divided into sections, and each section assigned to one of this committee to wait on members for a contribution for the fair, and we sincerely hope that no member of our church will refuse to donate something. Any article will help, and will be gladly received. The special program that will be rendered each evening will be announced later.

Mrs. Evelyn McGrundy and Mrs. Henrietta Harris returned on Thursday, October 6, after a delightful visit to Mrs. Lucy Hansome Webster in Chicago, Ill. They are both much benefited by their trip.

Mrs. James S. Neile has returned from her visit to her home, Knoxville, Tenn., looking very well and happy.

All the financial and recording secretaries of the 37 councils in the District of the I. O. St. Luke met at the St. Luke Home, corner 13th and U streets N. W., on Friday evening, October 7, 1910, and organized a Round Table Secretaries' Association. Mrs. Rebecca McKenzie Young, one of the original members of our church, and the recording secretary of Plymouth Council 476, was unanimously elected president of the association.

Assistant United States District Attorney James A. Cobb is at home again, after a visit to Beverly, Mass., where, in company with Messrs. Charles W. Anderson and Emmett J. Scott, he had a highly satisfactory interview with President Taft.

Mr. Andrew W. Sears, who has been in Washington for 30 years, and is well known to the general public, is Past Master of Social Lodge No. 1, Past High Priest of Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons, Past Commander of Gethemene Commandery No. 3, Past Potentate of Mecca Temple No. 10, member of Jonathan Davis Consistory, Thirty-second Degree of Scottish Right Masonry, Acting Grand High Priest of the District of Columbia, Royal Arch Masonry.

21st inst. Don't fail to attend it if you, being old, care to laugh yourself young, because "Uncle Tom Boo-boo" and "Old Aunt Annie Sue-sue" will be the stars of the play. Admission 10 cents.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. J. Milton Waldron, Pastor, 1334 V Street, N. W.; W. H. Scott, Church Editor, 1503 Pierce Place, N. W.

Shiloh will, beginning on Sunday, October 23, celebrate her forty-seventh anniversary. An extensive program has been outlined for the entire week, which will be published later. One of the chief events, however, will be a lecture on Christian Endeavor night, Friday, the 28th, by that eminent scholar and pulpit orator, Rev. M. W. Gilbert, D.D., of New York.

Of that earnest and faithful few who were the founders of Shiloh, but three remain, and their names are: Sister Lucy Minor, brother James E. Payne and brother James G. Semple. On the first Sunday in each month at least one of these members is present, sister Minor being on the honor roll in point of attendance. She never fails to have a word to say for the Master, incidentally giving a leaf out of her long and varied experience, and winding up with a bit of loving advice of how the younger members should live and labor for the church and take care of the pastor. For a long time brother Semple has been confined to his home, being almost totally blind. Brother Payne, being also well advanced in years, suffers much from the infirmities of age, and cannot get to the church as often as we would like to see him. All these, however, have a deep and abiding place in the hearts of all the members of Shiloh.

The Adult Bible Class last Sunday received two new members in the persons of sisters Florence Glowe and Mary Dent, who recently returned from the Isthmus of Panama, where they had been for nearly a year. At the morning service they both received quite an ovation, so pleased were their old friends to see them back. We hope they will not leave again soon. They are very active workers, and while away were greatly missed.

Among others recently returned from their summer outings were sisters Katie Kemp, Eliza Branon and brothers A. D. Powell and Chapman.

The sympathy of the entire membership goes out to sister Carrie Mitchell, who just returned to the city, who is ill, and said to be threatened with blood poison. Special prayers were offered for her recovery, as well as for others of our church who are ill.

Sister Jennie Jones at last reports on Sunday was still at Catlett, Va., and as yet too ill to be brought back to the city. Her sisters, Mrs. E. B. Walker and Mrs. Maggie Taylor, and a brother from New Jersey, are still with her.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES.

Brother J. R. Moss on last Sunday afternoon made addresses to the societies of the Metropolitan Baptist Church and Lincoln Temple Congregational Church. He reports active and encouraging work being done in the societies named. The society of the Metropolitan Church, it was said, is soon to engage in alley mission work in some of the courts near that church.

The Junior C. E. Society began its work for the winter last Sunday under the leadership of sister Mary Payne Jackson. Sister Jackson is an adept in the management of children. She knows how to win them, and her work with them has always been a success. Miss Sadie Johnson was re-elected president, and Herbert Coates, secretary.

The society is still growing in members and enthusiasm.

Shiloh Endeavorers are glad to report another glorious meeting last Sunday. It was roll-call Sunday, and more than 100 were present. Among those who had returned to the city were sister Florence Glowe, sister Dent and sister Kate Kemp. Rev. Perkins, Sunday Missionary

for our denomination in the District of Columbia and State of Virginia, was present and made eloquent and helpful remarks on the topic.

Miss Edna Smith, the secretary of our society, said good-by in a short but very touching address, after which Deacon Charles P. Roy offered a special prayer for her safe journey and success in her new field of labor. At the close of the meeting \$6.57 was presented to her by the Endeavorers as a token of their love and appreciation of her faithful service as secretary.

On Tuesday evening, October 4, a mission study class was organized, and the textbook used is the "Upward Path." Brother J. A. Miles will teach, J. R. Moss is secretary, and Mrs. Jennie McGuinis, librarian. The class will meet for one hour each Tuesday evening. Six were present at the organization.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL NOTES.

The Lord is still sending blessings upon our school. Three or four new pupils come in every Sunday. Another blessing for which we praise the Lord is that He is sending good, competent teachers. Last Sunday Miss Prowd, the daughter of Rev. H. D. Prowd of South America, kindly took charge of a class.

Miss Josephine Carroll is acting superintendent of the Primary Department, Miss Edna Smith having resigned to teach public school in Maryland.

The photographs taken by Dr. Rottley of the Sunday-school on "Rally Day" are highly satisfactory. Copies can be purchased from the superintendent at 25 and 50 cents.

The Sunday-school teachers, missionary workers and some of the alley mission Sunday-school teachers are taking a deep interest in the mission study class, which meets on Tuesday nights, 9 to 10 P. M. The book being studied is the "Upward Path." Sunday-school teachers, above all, should know how the race of which we form a part have traveled in just 300 years from the jungle in Africa to highway in American civilization. They should know how, stage by stage, the Negro has come up from tribal slavery in Africa to commercial bondage in the slave ships, to the feudal serfdom of the South, and then to sudden emancipation and to a dazzling day of citizenship in a republic. Shiloh teachers and mission workers will be greatly helped by this supplemental study.

Politics in West Virginia

(Continued from page 1.)

port. The First District will be amply provided for and taken care of by the leaders. Being the home of that war veteran and statesman, Senator Scott, there is no doubt about its departing from its usual custom of sending back a Republican Congressman.

Resume

On the whole, while New Jersey, Maryland, New York, Connecticut and numbers of other States are doubting their ability to "come back," little old West Virginia, nestled down there south of the Mason and Dixon line, between the mountains on the south and the Ohio River on the north, has an army of Republicans, both white and black, on every mountain peak, and a corps in every valley armed cap-a-pie with the doctrine and spirit of old-time Republicanism, and are only awaiting the call to battle on the eighth, when they shall do their duty toward this nation and its best interest, as they have always done since '96, and as it is believed they will do in the future as long as West Virginia gives to the Negro vote a "square deal," as she is doing today.

Mr. Aaron J. Gaskins, proprietor of Gaines' Cafe, met with a painful accident a few evenings ago, being thrown from his buggy near the corner of 10th and K streets N. E. The horse became frightened at a street car and ran away, starting from 8th and K streets. Mr. Gaskins sustained a fracture of the knee, but is on the road to recovery.